

Appl. No. 10/064,597
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Reply to Office action of February 23, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph:

5 Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as based on a disclosure which is not enabling. The steps of the method of claim 1, recited in dependent claims 8 and 9, are critical or essential to the practice of the invention, but are not included in the claim.

Response:

10 Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of original claims 8 and 9, and claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled. Claim 9 had been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 2-7 are dependent on claim 1, and should be allowed if the amended claim 1 is allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-7 is respectfully requested.

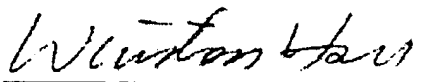
15 2. Introduction to new claims 12 and 13:

20 The applicant notes the allowance of claims 10 and 11. The applicant is also adding new dependent claims 12 and 13, which are both dependent on allowed independent claim 10. Claims 12 and 13 are duplicates of claims 5 and 7, respectfully. No new matter is added. Acceptance of new claims 12 and 13 is requested.

25 Since the pending claims are all in condition for allowance, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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